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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper; this tells you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Masquerade Jan. 24.

Masquerade January 24, 1883.

Good time at Library hall Friday evening, Dec. 22.

Any person finding an ear drop will please leave at this office.

We received a pleasant call from Elder Herrington recently.

Potatoes will keep better by being covered up from the light.

"Digby that Bell of the Custom House is sound; there is not a flaw in it."

All kinds of lumber will be found cheap at Perry's yard, south of postoffice.

Mason Leonard is down east making a tour among friends and relatives this week.

For Sale: An old horse. Will trade for wood, corn or anything. Inquire at this office.

For sale cheap: a heavy work horse. Inquire at once of Albert Ford, 2½ miles east of Birmingham. 1

Prof. Codnor says that the girls can't catch him with "wish-bone:" they needn't try that game.

The "Ready Helpers" will meet at the residence of Mr. A. C. Wallace Saturday, Dec. 30. All are invited.

Ella Robbins, Sec.

A nephew of John Baldwin, Mr. Harry Baldwin, from Ovid, was a visitor in town the forepart of the week.

Miss Jennie Taylor has gone to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and ere this we expect is married to Mr. Sloan, of Winnipeg.

The Prize Sewing Machine will be given away at 2 o'clock, Saturday, Dec 23, instead of 7 o'clock as heretofore advertised.

After getting your Christmas present for he or she, just put in with it one of those beautiful Xmas cards at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Don't forget the meeting of Birmingham Lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., to-night (Thursday). Payment of dues and election of officers.

If you want to pass an hour or so pleasantly and with profit to yourself attend the lyceum exhibition at Library hall Friday evening, Dec. 22.

In feasting your eye over our columns this week don't overlook the new advertisement of Axford, Stockwell & Co. of Pontiac. It is replete with seasonable hints.

New goods in Fancy Willow Ware, Flowers, Work Stands, Hand Bag, Whisk Broom Holder, Wall Baskets, Fancy Rugs and Dusters this week at Corson's.

E. E. Whitney, our foreman, is on a visit to Brighton to witness the wedding ceremony of his brother, I. H. Whitney, of the Milford Times, to Miss Katie Frailick, of Brighton.

Messrs. Geo. Johnson, Erastus Wooster, G. S. Brush and John Crawford will assist J. R. Corson & Son for the Christmas trade, and they will be glad to see all their friends at the store.

The M. E church Sunday school give an old fashioned Christmas tree at their church next Monday evening. Of course a good time is sure to be had and everybody is invited to participate.

Fancy Cake Baskets, Fruit Dishes in China Gold Band, Decorated Pitchers, Majolica Ware Tea Sets, Vases and Toilet Sets, Beautiful Cups and Saucers, Mustache Cups, Shaving Mugs at Corson & Son's.

One of our citizens killed a cat and threw her away. After remaining dead one day and a night she reappeared to her slayer at his back door. He then got his back up and said he'd never kill another cat.

Our jury system is working well in Police Justice Miner's court, Detroit, in liquor cases. Evidence for the prosecution clear and undoubted; no defence except a petition—verdict for the defendant in every case.

Goethe said that there is nothing original in the world. Is it not probable that the similarity which appears in the late speeches of Fawcett and Talmadge arises from two persons writing on the same subject.

The two-cent postage bill will pass; but of course congressmen can't allow it to become a law without speechifying on it, and so they propose to talk as to the time when it shall take effect.

Horace Greeley said that the only way to make a good fit for a shoe or a boot was to cut out a sole pattern on paper while the foot rested upon the floor. Our Senior says he will try that if he can find room enough in a shoe-shop.

Fred Hyde turned Rice's hotel inside out Tuesday afternoon, a silk handkerchief alleged to have been lost in the dining room of that hostelry and ultimately found in his possession after half the dining room girls had been thrown into convulsions.

Lovely Slippers, Fine Gloves and Mittens, Beautiful Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Plush and Celluloid Mirrors, and plenty of help to wait upon customers at Corson's.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the postoffice at Birmingham for the month ending December 28, 1882: Miss Olie Philbrick (2), Mrs. M. Riase. Persons calling for the above named etters will please say advertised. J. Allen Bigelow, P. M

I. The Postmaster-General says that the two-cent postage law will destroy postal cards, because correspondents will prefer to pay the extra cost rather than have their letters read. Perhaps so and perhaps not; there are many stingy persons who will save that extra cost.

"Vic" has returned to A. Bayley's in Troy, and recently run a coon into the hollow stub of a tree, poked him out and drove him to the house *ala* pig driver, and has his coonship, which is a large, full-grown animal, safely chained up and nearly domesticated. Fact.

On Wednesday December 27 at 10 o'clock A. M., W. H. Camp will sell at auction for Byron Bickford, one half mile west of the Town House in Troy, his farm of 60 acres, horses, cows, hay, farming implements and household goods. Terms easy on real estate and as usual on other articles.

Never such a display of beautiful goods as this week at Corson's.

The Beehive, Pontiac, (John Pound proprietor) will be closed Saturday night, December 23, and remain closed until Tuesday morning, December 26. He hopes none of his friends and customers will come to town designing to shop for dry goods on X mas day, and mentions this to prevent disappointment.

John Boyd of Troy and E. Miller of Bloomfield collect taxes at the ECCENTRIC office to-day. Call and see them, gentlemen, and save money thereby.

Ike Morgan is home again enjoying a short vacation, after having interviewed a buzz saw at Newaygo. Isaac's right arm was cut some but not to endanger that useful appendage.

MARRIED.—In Detroit, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1882, by Rev. C. T. Allen, Mr. John Vaughan to Miss Ella Grimsin. On their return a reception was held at the residence of Clark Vaughan, and a very pleasant time was had by the large crowd present. The new-made couple will make their future home in East Saginaw. We wish them good luck and a long life.

LYCEUM CLOSING EXERCISES.—The Lyceum will give an entertainment in Library Hall Friday evening, Dec 22. The programme will consist of readings and recitations by the best local talent, also instrumental and vocal music. All are promised a pleasant evening. Let everybody turn out and help the Lyceum. Library Hall, Dec. 22 at 7:30 p. m. Admission 15 cents; children 10 cents.

It would make you smile to see the stacks of new goods in all lines at popular prices at Corson & Son's.

Grand Master Partridge, Mack Rundall, Walter North and ourself made a very pleasant visit to Peninsular Chapter No. 16 of Detroit one evening last week. We are specially under obligations to F. Wallington, H. P., as well as others of the chapter for favors bestowed. The most pleasant evening we have passed in a long time was spent in witnessing the excellent work of Peninsular Chapter No. 16.

At the regular annual convocation of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M., held Monday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eugene Brooks, H. P.; Geo. Partridge, K.; E. W. Reynolds, S.; A. Whitehead, C. of H.; William C. Richardson, P. S.; Mc A. Randall, R. A. C.; W. H. Smith, M. 3d V.; P. H. Durkee, M. 2nd V.; Walter North, M. 1st V.; F. Hagerman, Treas.; John Bodine, Secy.; Samuel Jarvis, Sentinel.

THE BELLE OF AUSTRALIA.—The January number of Bailou's Monthly Magazine contains the opening chapters of the long-promised story, "The Belle of Australia," by William H. Thomes, author of the "Gold Hunters of Australia," "The Bushrangers," "A Whaleman's adventures," "Running the Blockade," and other noted novels. Published by Thomes & Talbot, 23 Hawley street, Boston, Mass., at only $1.50 per annum, postpaid, and for sale at all news depots in the country at 15 cents a copy.

We were guilty of an unpardonable oversight in overlooking the necessity of making at least a brief mention in the issue of week before last of the really able and eloquent lecture of Prof. W. C. Hewitt at the Baptist church, recently. Owing to a pressure of work on that particular evening we were unable to attend, out our representative, who is perfectly capable of judging as well as others who were in attendance, informs us that the lecture was an able effort and our words gave ample evidence of close application and persistent study.

Services at the Presbyterian church Sunday, December 25, Morning subject, 10:30, "The Incarnation." In the evening at 7 o'clock the Sunday school will hold a Praise service, when the programme outlined below will be observed. After the opening devotional exercises Milton's grand poem, "The Nativity," will be read by Miss Ona Furman; Scriptural exercises by the school; Talk by Prof. W. C. Hewitt; Paper by J. Allen Bigelow; Reading of a letter from Syria, regarding Sunday school work there, by Miss Ella Drake. The exercises will be varied by music between, and conclude in the usual form. All are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the services.

A Letter from William H. Martin of Watertown, Mich., bearing date of December 18 says: "Enclosed is $1; please send THE ECCENTRIC another year to my address, also that sewing machine which 998 besides myself are going to draw. Fostoria has swallowed Watertown, that is, the name of the postoffice is changed. The town has twelve dwellings built since it was laid out, also a blacksmith and wagon shop, a shoe shop and a meat market, all of which are paying institutions. A doctor lives in town and a preacher in sight. The Methodist Protistant society are talking up a large brick church, and have some sand and stone on the spot by way of construction. The Sons of Temperance have a lodge with a membership of over 40. There are but two small stores running at present, but a large one for general merchandise is nearly finished, also a smaller framed one for a drug store and dwelling. We are having comfortable winter weather and good sleighing with about eight inches of snow on the level. Lumbermen are off to their camps. Good health prevails generally."

A BEAUTIFUL CHROMO.—On looking at your beautiful pictures which you have displayed in your store, I was reminded of one which I saw a short time ago in the city of Detroit. It was a representation of a large white setter dog, gazing intently at a young specimen of the feline species commonly known as a cat. This animal's back was in a sort of semi-curved position, his tail was lopped over on one side, his ears were turned back, his nose was in fighting trim, and his tongue protruded a little way out of his mouth; evidently, he was on the defensive, and ready for combat. The noble dog looked as if he was inforced by dignity, disgust, courage and contempt. It is said that animals have thoughts, and of course they do. It seemed to me that the little Tommy was saying: "I ain't afraid of you; I can whip a regiment just like you—come on McDuff!" It also appeared to me that Jefferson was saying: "You are beneath my notice, and you had better not attack me, for I can dispose of you at one snap; so you had better mind your own business. You are nothing but a cat anyhow, and a cat is nothing." Who knows but what conclusions often occur between these two specimens of the animal creation. W. C. H.

Mrs A. B. Armstrong's Concert.

The complimentary concert tendered Mrs. A. B. Armstrong by the people of this vicinity was largely attended, every seat being taken. The entertainment took place as advertised in these columns at the Baptist church last Friday evening, and the hearty applause which followed the effort of each participant must have been particularly gratifying to each scholar as well as satisfactory to their teacher, Mrs. Armstrong. We would not attempt to criticise the programme but really think that if the manager would again seek to entertain a general Birmingham audience a little United States music of a brighter, livelier class than that which the programme contained would relieve the apparent monotony of so many productions of German composers. The programme, owing to the sickness of some of the class, was necessarily changed, but we are sure not to the detriment of the same.

Prof. J. W. Rainey assisted Mrs. Armstrong in the vocal department, as did also Mr. S. I. Slade and Miss Beardslee of Detroit. Miss Josie Stephan led off the entertainment with an instrumental piece which was well rendered when the age of the performer and time spent in practice is considered. She in turn was followed by others of the class, but space will not allow us to speak of their merits only that each and every one, allowing for stage fright which is sure to attend the amateur, did remarkably well and acquitted themselves and teacher with credit.

The recitations given by Miss Nichols of Detroit were grand—that is the only way to express it—and we venture to say that she is the best elocutionist that has ever visited Birmingham. Possessing a very graceful figure, a clear, resonant voice, a natural and easy manner upon the stage, she carried off the honors at once and received several encores, being called back each time and with each repetition gave proof of her genuine merit. Her recitation of "Sorry Tim's Troubles" was very pathetic, bringing tears to many eyes. In her Irish character she was at home; also in the "Little Girl's Soliloquy," and in response to a long and loud cheering she gave a medly that "took the cake." We have to medly speaker's address and hope that if in any of the coming entertainments the managers desire to add to their programme a really good and taking feature, they will engage this genius.

Mrs. Armstrong's class in Detroit being so large compels her to give up her Birmingham scholars, which she does with genuine sorrow, which, from every appearance, is tenderly reciprocated.

The instrument used on this occasion was cheerfully loaned by Mr. P. A. Park. It is an upright McCammon piano, seven octave, a very handsome and a powerful toned instrument which added greatly to the pleasure of the audience.

Worthy of Praise.

As a rule we do not recommend Patent Medicines, but when we know of one that is really a public benefactor and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach, Liver and Kidney Complaints, even when all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend them to all.—Exch.—Sold at 50 cents a bottle by Whitehead & Mitchell.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

Through the courtesy of the editors of THE ECCENTRIC, who are more than ready to advance the school interest, and the cause of education generally, we have been granted a space to devote particularly to school questions.

Our educational interests, which are of so vital importance to the people, are too often left for discussion in educational journals that reach the majority of the fathers and mothers whose children fill our schools. With the view of strengthening the interest of our school, and giving instructive knowledge on educational subjects, we have undertaken to start the educational column.

The attendance at the Union School is now nearly three hundred—a large per cent. with reference to the number of the inhabitants than almost any school in the state.

The following is a list of High School pupils who have not whispered without permission for one month:

Martha Allen, Hallock Gibbs, Myra Covert, May Eldred, Lizzie White, Lizzie Rust, Jennie Buttolph, Carrie Durkee, Bert Peabody, Frank Soules, Mamie Young, Lucy Allin, Nellie Reynolds.

The geometry class are now at work on original problems which are copied neatly in blank books, and will be taken to the State teachers' Association which meets at Lansing Dec 28. Exhibition of school work will be made by various schools, these books will be entered to show the power our boys and girls have for *original* investigation.

The chemistry class is now at work on quantitative analysis of unknown substances. Each member does the work himself. The last test will be the analysis of the mineral water.

Many educators forget the true use of school institution. It is not to skim over vast fields of science, and to become acquainted with a few *names*. It is to develop intellectual *strength*, it is to put into the pupil's mind the idea that *he* has got to *work*; not only in the school, but everywhere. Not all the high-toned institutions, not all the enthusiastic teachers can make a boy a scholar unless they develop within him soul the spirit of persistent, thorough application. Our teachers may well be satisfied to impart less *facts* if they will send out pupils filled with the desire to economize their time, to be economical in their habits, and to deserve success only when they have earned it.

Let this be written over the door of every school: "It is not what the teacher does for the scholar; it is what he does for himself."

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore exisiting between J. J. Toms and F. Howland is this day dissolved by mutual agreement. All accounts to be paid to J. Toms. F. Howland,

Dec. 11, 1882. J. J. Toms.

COUNTY LINE.

Some parties east of the county line have lost all their chickens by sneak thieves.

John Perry has sold his farm of 68 acres to John Preiser for $4,100.

Taxes are high on account of additions to the asylum at Pontiac.

Levi Wilson is going to work Nathan Halsey's farm.

It is a good ways from Royal Oak to Rochester without a drink, when the Rochester Sun man thinks a sign which reads "vin-gar 15 cents per gallon" is a beer saloon. Rochester needs a red ribbon club.

WARREN.

Hurrah! here we are again.

Warren is dead, as our lively city butcher has made up his mind that Warren was not the place for him. As hogs were getting scarce, he having bought and shipped two carloads to Detroit—one hog in each car—got discouraged and sold his lease to the old standby firm of Murthum & Cartwright, who have opened the shop with a choice lot of fresh and salt meats, and will try to please all who may give them a call. Good enough!

We are glad to see Miss Hattie Smith in our midst once more She having been gone about a year as a missionary.

A wood-bee for Mrs. Parker resulted in getting about 15 cords chopped.

Mr. Emmet Norris is building a house which he will occupy as soon as completed. NINA.

Quarterly meeting at the west church yesterday and a large congregation was in attendence.

The Rev. Mr. Dean has been quite sick with rheumatism lately.

Mrs. McMullen is very low at the present writing. Dr. Flyn is attending her.

Phillip Halsey's child is sick again.

Mrs. Parker has built a woodshed on her house, and Dave Wilson has moved his barn back from the street.

Mrs. Ellen Dewey has been visiting friends in Detroit.

C. B. Gambel is working for Ed. Norris this winter.

We have another new dressmaker in town.

Mr. Cook has quite a large stock of Christmas toys for the little ones. Call and see for yourselves.

There will be a Christmas tree at the M. E. church Monday night, Dec. 25.

DRAYTON PLAINS.

Oh my! didn't old winter come in upon us with a will and fix the house plants so that they will need no further attention this winter, much to the relief of the male portion of one family with whom we are acquainted.

We understand that Dan Judd has opened a feed store in Detroit. If this is so we wish him success.

We also hear that parties have rented Paul Schwesinger's old stand. Now "Draty," if this is so we expect to see you make some more of those masterly shots at pigeon-hole. Talking of "Draty," he read us the other night his Christmas poem which will soon appear in the Pontiac Bill Poster. Well, to quote the immortal Lincoln, "If anyone likes that kind of poetry, that would be just the kind of poetry they would like."

Will Leggett and Elmer Stowell are building each an ice boat, and if we mistake not, when they start 'em items won't be very scarce for your paper. Such as broken heads, etc.

Mrs. William Walker of Clintonville had the misfortune to break her arm on Wednesday last—fell down some steps.

Barney Greeman found that his place had been sold for taxes in 1875, which has caused him some trouble, but he has it all right now.

There are a good many cattle being fed in this vicinity.

While in Detroit we visited Paul Schwesinger. He has a nice place, and by his three sons and son-in-law are working in Clough & Warren's organ factory and are doing finely.

We think our school marm, Miss Nettie Lessiter, deserves a word of praise for teaching as she does, 47 scholars.

John Winkle and his wife and daughter have been visiting Uncle Henry Birge, and it did me good to see this happy family, for the time was when John was pretty fast, but he saw the foolish course he was taking and for years he has not touched a drop of anything, and to-day he is a prosperous farmer living near Lansing. Shake, John.

Miss Kate M. Leggett is in Detroit visiting her many friends.

Let Earls is visiting in Lapeer.

FARMINGTON.

Pretty good sleighing.

Christmas tree at the M. E. church Monday evening, Dec. 25.

Miss Hattie Pierce has returned home from Chicago. We are sorry to say Hattie does not enjoy the blessing of good health.

Our teacher, Mr. Conant, is sick with the mumps, also Bruce Owen and Miss Jennie White, while Mrs. By Pierce and Mrs. Irene Philbrick are both half dead (as they say) with the horrid neuralgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Botsford had the misfortune to lose their infant son a few days ago.

Perhaps the youngest witness ever put on the witness stand in this place was little Frank Philbrick, and by his straight and truthful statement of the case Mr. Marsh won the suit.

A Letter From Astrim County.

To the Editors of The Eccentric.

GENTS—Enclosed please find a dollar bill, for which send me THE ECCENTRIC until further notice. I don't know whether I am in time for the drawing or not, but if I should get the sewing machine, don't send it by express. If your senior editor was up here he could get good wages with his long legs and big feet making roads through two feet of snow, (don't show him this) but if you, Junior, ever come up here come in the summer time and I will give you a nice mess of speckled trout.

When I came here a year ago the population was 172, but now we have 250 and new comers every day. We are all in the woods yet, but when we are as old as Birmingham we will have quite a village. My family have all been quite sick, but I have not seen an hour's sickness since I came here

The following guests have registered with me since December 1:

[Here follows nearly 100 names which space will not permit us to publish. ENS.]

I have seven regular boarders and until lately I had twelve; the other house has five. We have a saw-mill, tray and koop factory combined, four general stores and one drug store, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, a printing office, a brick-yard and steamboat line, etc., etc. This is too long a letter for an editor to read so I am sure you won't try to print it. If you send a paper to the Breeze office here I think you will get a Belaire Breeze in exchange. Yours truly,

A. WATKINS.

Bellaire, Mich., December 12.

"Bell of Justice."

Youth's Companion.

In one of the old cities of Italy, a bell was hung in a tower, which any one was at liberty to ring who had been wronged, and by it summon the magistrate to see that justice was done him. It was called the "Bell of Justice," and the following story is associated with it.

When in the course of time, the bell rope rotted away, a wild vine was tied to it to lengthen it, and one day an old and starving horse that had been abandoned by its owner and turned out to die, wandered into the tower, and, in trying to eat the vine, rang the bell.

The magistrate of the city, coming to see what had rung the bell, found this old and starving horse.

He caused the owner of the horse in whose service he had toiled and been worn out to be summoned before him, and decreed that, as this poor horse had rung the "Bell of Justice," it should have justice, and that during the remainder of the horse's life his owner should provide for him proper food and